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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby requests a 1-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding office action.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The undersigned requests that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-1160.

Respectfully submitted,

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